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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Economics University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina	(expected) May 2010
Master of Arts, Mathematical Economics Ohio University, Athens, Ohio	2004
Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Business Information Systems Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana	2001

RESEARCH FIELDS

Macroeconomics, Monetary Theory, Bayesian Econometrics, and Times Series Econometrics

TEACHING INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Monetary Theory, Econometrics, Financial Markets, and International Finance

THESIS

Title: "Essays on Monetary Policy in Currency Unions"

In a currency union, if the uncertainties that member economies face are heterogeneous, a common monetary policy may be too tight or too loose for some members of the union depending on where their business cycle position is relative to the union as a whole. In addition, differences in the economic structure of member states could imply varying degree of business cycle amplifications. My thesis considers two aspects of the monetary policy in the Euro Area by: (1) establishing an empirical benchmark for the degree to which monetary policy (with its systematic and discretionary components) can explain the observed business cycle differences, (2) taking a closer look at the role of the labor and product market rigidities in explaining the cross country business cycle differences in the presence of common monetary policy.

Committee: Neville Francis (chair), Richard Froyen, Michael Owyang, Barbara Rossi, and Michael Salemi

PUBLICATIONS

"Has Models Forecasting Performance Changed Over Time, and When?" with Barbara Rossi, *International Journal of Forecasting*, forthcoming.

PAPERS

"Monetary Policy in a Currency Union: Is the Euro Good for All?" (*Job Market Paper*)

"The Local Effects of Monetary Policy," with Neville Francis and Michael Owyang, *Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Working Paper 2009-048A*, under review.

"Understanding the Sources of Models' Relative Forecasting Performance," with Barbara Rossi, *Journal of Econometrics*, revise & resubmit.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Mathematical Preparation for Public Policy (PhD course) - Fall 2009
Introduction to Economics - Summer 2007, 2006

Teaching Assistant, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Graduate (PhD) courses
Microeconomics for Public Policy - Fall 2009; Advanced Macroeconomic Theory II - Spring 2007, 2006; Advanced Macroeconomic Theory I - Fall 2006, 2005
Undergraduate courses
Introduction to Economics - Spring 2009; Financial Markets - Spring 2008; Intermediate Theory: Money, Income and Employment - Spring 2005, Fall 2004

Teaching Assistant, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio
Development Economics (Master course) - Spring 2004, Fall 2003
Principles of Microeconomics - Spring 2004, Fall 2003

Teaching Assistant, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana
Business Statistics - Fall 2001
Principles of Microeconomics - Spring 2001
Principles of Macroeconomics - Fall 2000

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dissertation Intern, Research Division at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Missouri	Fall 2008
CSWEP (Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession) Summer Economics Fellow, Research Division at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia	Summer 2008
Visiting Scholar, Research Division at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Missouri	2009, 2007
Research Assistant, Voinovich Center for Leadership and Public Affairs, Athens, Ohio	2004
Systems Consultant, Custom Business Solutions, Inc, Goshen, Indiana	2001 – 2003

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Joint Statistical Meetings, 2009
WEAI (Western Economic Association International) Annual Conference, 2009
WEAI (Western Economic Association International) Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop, 2009
SNDE (Society for Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics) Annual Symposium, 2009
Missouri Economics Conference, 2009
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Research Division Seminar, 2008
Midwest Econometrics Group Annual Meeting, 2007

TEACHING AWARDS

- Ralph Byrns Teaching Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Spring, 2009
Awarded each semester to a graduate teaching assistant with the highest average score for the students in Introduction to Economics discipline.
- Best Teaching Assistant for a Graduate Course, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2005 – 2006
Awarded annually based on student evaluations for the PhD core courses.

SELECTED ACADEMIC AWARDS

- Selection and participation in the WEAI Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop 2009
- Georges Lurey Fellowship in Economics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Fall, 2007
Award for the most promising economics graduate student.
- Global Supplementary Grant Recipient, Open Society Institute 2005 – 2007
- Award for Outstanding Achievement, Goshen College 2000 – 2001
- Freedom Support Act Undergraduate Student Exchange Program finalist and participant 1999 – 2000
Received full scholarship for one year undergraduate study.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Referee for *World Development*
- Graduate Consultant, participated in an Introduction to Economics course redesign through the Center of Teaching Excellence in University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Summer, 2009
- President, Economics Graduate Student Association 2006 – 2007
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

OTHER SKILLS

- Computer: Matlab, R, EViews, LaTeX
Language: Fluent in Armenian (native), Russian, and English

REFERENCES

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